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PARIS ALSO FOR USOECD; ALSO FOR USEEC; GENEVA ALSO FOR MTN

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TAGS: ECON, EFIN, ETRD, PGOV, OECD, GATT, JA, US, BE  
SUBJECT: US-JAPAN ECONOMIC TALKS

REF: STATE 294485 AND 304086

1. EMBASSY OFFICER HAS REITERATED OUR OBJECTIVES VIS-A-VIS JAPANESE WITH OFFICIALS IN THE BELGIAN FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTRIES.

2. DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS JAN  
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HOLLANTS SAID THAT THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE U.S. CONCERN WITH JAPAN IS GLOBAL, SHARES OUR VIEW, AND APPRECIATES INFORMATION WE HAVE RELAYED ON THE SUBJECT. HOLLANTS ADDED THAT, JUDGING FROM RECENT EC 113 MEETINGS HE HAS ATTENDED, PARTICULARLY ON THE USHIBA TRIP TO BRUSSELS, THERE IS NO RPT NO MISINTERPRETATION OF U.S. PURPOSES IN THIS AREA ON THE PART OF ANY EC GOVERNMENT.

3. FINANCE MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL COUNSELOR JACQUES VAN YPERSELE INFORMS US THAT HIS MINISTRY ALSO APPRECIATES THE MULTI-LATERAL THRUST OF THESE TALKS. VAN YPERSELE SAID THAT THE FINANCE MINISTRY HAS BEEN PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH THEIR HIGHLY PUBLIC NATURE AND SUBSEQUENT UPSETTING EFFECTS ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS. IN THIS CONNECTION, VAN YPERSELE SAID BELGIUM WELCOMES THE PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER 21 STATEMENT ON U.S. PAYMENTS POLICIES AS BOTH A USEFUL EXPRESSION OF CONCERN WITH THE DOLLAR AND AS A REAFFIRMATION OF U.S. UNDERTAKINGS AT RAMBOUILLET. CHAMBERS

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